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SUBJECT:LEFEVRE CASE

REF: LAGOS 5462 AND PREVIOUS

1. WE NEED CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICS OF NIGERIAN LEGAL
PROCESS AS FOLLOWS:

2. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A MAGISTRATE'S COURT? WE TAKE
IT THAT MAGISTRATE CAN DISMISS A CASE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE
BUT IF CASE IS NOT DISMISSED CAN IT BE TRIED IN MAGISTRATE'S
COURT OR MUST IT BE REFERRED ELSEWHERE, I.E. MIGHT LEFEVRE
FIND HIMSELF IN ANOTHER COURT AFTER JUNE 23 HEARING?

3. IF ATTORNEY GENERAL REVIEWS CASE AND ORDERS IT BROUGHT
TO TRIAL, IN WHAT COURT WOULD TRIAL TAKE PLACE? WOULD
IT BE RETURNED TO MAGISTRATE WITH ORDER TO PROCEED?
HOW DOES THIS PROCEDURE DIFFER FROM APPEAL TO CHIEF
JUSTICE?

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4. DOES INSPECTOR GENERAL YUSUF HAVE AUTHORITY TO DISMISS
CASE?

5. DOES ATTORNEY GENERAL HAVE AUTHORITY TO DISMISS CASE?

6. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THESE

PROCEDURES FROM ATTORNEY OR OTHER COMPETENT OFFICIAL
ASAP.

7. PLEASE PROVIDE BIO DATA RE PETER THOMAS (LAGOS 5399).
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